



## TOURIST GUIDE FOR THE ROSOLI COUNTRY HOUSES GUESTS

We have prepared this guide for those who don't know much about the island hoping that you will enjoy it. What we actually want is that you have a great time strolling around the island and keeping in mind that Lefkas isn't another cosmopolitan destination but this is exactly what makes it an island that has kept its unique character.

Lefkas belongs to the island complex of Eptanissa (Seven Islands): Meganisi, Kalamos, Kasto, Skorpion, Skorpidi, Madouri.

The southern point of the island was called "White Stone" or "White Edge" or just "Lefkatas" as it is used to be called nowadays. The town "Nirikos" was named "Lefkas". Finally the whole island was named "Lefkada".

According to an ancient myth the lyric poet Sappho jumped from the steep cliffs of Lefkatas due to her desperate love for Phaon.

## OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR...

We could suggest to you the best beaches, sights, taverns and bars, places that only the locals know about and keep them a well hidden secret!

Let's start from the South West side of the island where you are staying at the moment and drive around Lefkas...The sun shows our...personal preference.

## BEACHES

You should choose the beaches according to the weather. The most spectacular beaches are located on the west side of Lefkas - especially with north-east winds blowing on the island! Let's start with the ones located a stone's drop from your lodging.

### Porto Katsiki

Voted as the best beach in the country, Porto Katsiki Beach has won several awards for its crystal clear turquoise water. It is the most popular beach in Mediterranean. Even if its name doesn't ring a bell, it is almost certain that you have seen photos of the beach as the Greek Ministry of Tourism selected Porto Katsiki for Greece's advertising campaign abroad.

You need to go down 90 steps on a steep cliff to reach the beach but you won't regret it! The scenery is breathtaking...Little white pebbles, turquoise crystal clear water and a unique, dramatic scenery surrounding you.

On the top of the stairs there are some canteens where you could buy snacks and drinks.



### **Egremni Beach**

One of the most popular beaches on the island and number 2 beach in the country. It is located a few kilometers away from Athani village (4 Km).

It is a breathtaking white sand beach with steep cliffs of amazing beauty.

### **Gialos Beach**

It is located right in front of the Athani village. Gialos beach is 7 km long with crystal clear water surrounded by impressive scenery. The access to the beach is quite easy as you can drive down to the beach.

### **Plaka Beach**

This beach is not known to tourists. Plaka is our well kept secret!! It is a tiny beach -almost private - with turquoise crystal clear water.

It is located on the way to Lefkas Cape and it is the ideal choice in windy days when swimming in the west coast beaches seems almost impossible and you wouldn't like to move to the opposite side of the island.

You can reach the beach with a 4 wheel drive.

*Now, let's go a bit further away..*

### **Kathisma Beach**

A crowded huge beach which is located 14Km from the town of the Lefkas and 12 Km from Athani village. It is the destination for young people as there are several bars with loud music.

### **Agios Nikitas**

A small beach with turquoise crystal clear water and white sand. The beach is surrounded by the village houses, taverns and bars.

### **Agiofilli**

A beautiful beach on the North West side of the island. There are two pebbly beaches in the area which you can reach by boat from Vassiliki village.



### Ai Yiannis

This beach is located near the town of Lefkas. It is located only 3Km from the city centre.

It is a beautiful, long beach yet quite windy. The windmills of Lefkas are situated in this area adding a unique touch in the scenery.

The summer windsurfing and Kite surfing Championships are hosted every year at Ai Yiannis Beach.

### HOT SPOTS

Places to be...always according to our personal view.

#### Sunset at Cape Doukato

On the way to Porto Katsiki you follow the sign to Cape Doukato with the impressive breathtaking steep white cliffs.

It is said that poet Sappho jumped from the cliffs in despair due to her love for Faonias. The lighthouse is built on the ruins of the Apollo Temple.

Cape Lefkatas is the ideal location for those who would like to enjoy a romantic, breathtaking sunset.

#### The Waterfalls of Dimosari

A well known sight on the island. Drive through Nidri and reach a small coffee shop where you will be starting your walk through the scourge of Dimosari. Walk on the path along the river and after 250 meters walk through the cave and the narrow opening to find yourself at the first waterfall. Walk up the steps and reach the second waterfall. It is a unique route for mountain biking.

#### The scourge of the Bee

(In case you decide not to spend the day on the beach...)

On the way from the city of Lefkas to Sfakiotas, just before Lazarata, follow the green sign. Turn right and after 1km turn right again. The path stretches 500 meters and reaches the cave. You will meet the watermills after 700 meters.

The path stops and a paved path begins marked with signs. The route is quite easy and lasts 2-3 hours



### Sivota

A picturesque fishing village on the south of the island. There are several traditional taverns serving fresh fish while fishermen mending their nets. You should definitely spend an evening here!

### Vassiliki

Vassiliki Bay is considered one of the top ten windsurfing areas worldwide.

It is an overdeveloped village which can be the starting point for excursion to the mainland. Boats to Porto Katsiki Beach, Egremni Beach, Fiskardo - Kaphallonia and Ithaca set off from Vassiliki port.

### Lefkada or Chora or Santa Maura

The Capital of the island is connected to the mainland with a bridge.

Walk through the paved paths of the town characterized by the arched pavements and the traditional houses with the wooden additions.

Visit the castle of Santa Maura and see the lake which is the most important wetland of the island. You may also visit the Monastery of Faneromeni, the Museum of Phonograph as well as the Museum of Aggelos Sikelianos.

### Aghios Nikitas

A traditional seaside village where cars are not allowed in its centre. You can swim on the tiny beach of Aghios Nikitas.

### Neighboring Islands

(Set off from Nidri by boat)

Meganisi: An attraction pole for visitors, Meganisi is characterized by traditional architecture, picturesque little bays and beautiful beaches! You should visit Papanikolis cave.

Madouri: Located opposite Nidri, it's the island owned by Valaoriti family. Visitors are not allowed.

Scorpio: Visitors are not allowed on the island as it is owned by Onassis family.



## FOOD

There are several traditional taverns with exceptional local cuisine in Athani village. Rooster served with pasta and red wine sauce and fresh fish are the local specialties. There are many good tavernas serving grilled meat in Aghios Petros a traditional village on the mainland.

You may also visit Sivota, a beautiful fishing village a bit further from Athani village, in case you wish to enjoy fresh fish.

If you end up in Lefkada town, keep in mind that there are several restaurants and taverns in the town centre paved streets which are not visible from the port.

A very good choice is "Eu Zein" a tratoria serving refined Mediterranean cuisine in a cozy atmosphere. (Ask us for further details )

## BARS

### Lefkas Town:

"Cookies" on the main paved road leading to the port, "Kasbah" with rock mood in the main square and "Capita" for clubbing lovers in Ai Yiannis.

### Sivota:

"Liotrivi", if you are lucky enough you may go on a live music night !

## COFFEE-DELICACIES-SHOPPING

### Athani:

Honey, wine and olive oil by local producers (Theodoros Melas +306979050476)

### Lefkadas Town:

"Delimaris" For the best salami in Greece!

"Arhontiko" Bakery with exceptional traditional oil cookies!

"Gypseas", "Maqukita", "Martini" for souvenirs to remind you of your holidays on Lefkas and above all don't forget to get a bottle of the island's traditional liqueur "Rosoli".

### Eglouvi:

The most popular lentils in Greece. Exceptional taste yet a bit expensive. You should definitely taste them.



## **INSTRUCTIONS TO TRAVELLERS**

(As soon as you step your foot onto the island!)

Way to go!!! You have just stepped onto the island!

You are still quite away from the two post popular beaches on the island “Porto Katsiki” and “Egremni” and the Rosoli Country Houses where you will be hosted.

### **Instructions to those traveling by plane:**

If you haven’t hired a car you could always take a taxi from the airport.

Daily flights from Athens Airport (tel. 210 3530000) to Aktio airport (tel. 26820 28343)

### **Instructions to those traveling by car:**

Setting off from Athens (378Km) you can reach the island either through Amfilohia or through Astakos.

#### **To Lefkas through Amfilohia:**

Follow the route Athens-Korinthos-Rio\_Antirio-Amfilohia-Vonitsa-Lefkada.

#### **To Lefkas through Astakos:**

Follow the same route until you reach Rio and after Mesologhi turn at Aitoliko-Astakos-Palairios-Vonitsa-Lefkada.

#### **To Athani Village:**

You can follow either the route through Sfakiotes-Exantheia-Hortata-Komilio-Dragano-Athani or the route Agios Nikitas-Hortata-Komilio-Dragano Athani.

#### **To Rosoli Country Houses:**

You drive straight ahead through Athani Village (do not turn right) and follow the sign to Porto Katsiki Beach. Along the way, on the right side of the road there are little sign with the Km. When you see the sign 37Km a few meters down the road you will see a Rosoli Country Houses sign. Turn right on the road and a few meters further you will find another Rosoli sign, turn left and ...Welcome to Rosoli Country Houses!

#### **Salonica-Lefkada (420Km):**

You can follow Egnatia highway to Ioannina-Preveza-Aktio- Lefkada.



## INFORMATIONS

Rent a car:

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Budget 26450 25274

Taxi:

26450 24600

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